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For (Title):

DATA QUANTIZING DEVICE FOR PREDICTING WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIZED

DATA WILL BE 0 AND IMAGE DATA COMPRESSING DEVICE USING THE SAME

By (Inventors):

Kazunari AKAOGI

Formal drawings (Figs. 1-8; 4 sheets) are attached. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

An assignment of the invention to is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith. Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence -- This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_

Priority of foreign application No. 2000-3368 filed January 12, 2000 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

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SMALL ENTITY

RATE FEE OF \$ 355 OF 9= \$ OR 40 = \$ OF + 135 = OR OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY

<u>OR</u>	RATE	FEE		
<u>OR</u>		\$ 710		
<u>OR</u>	x 18	\$		
<u>OR</u>	x 80	\$		
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